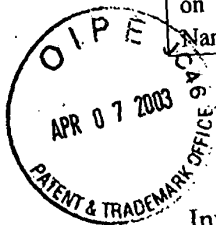


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Sir, in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, Applicants provide this response/election. Consideration of the merits of the application mentioned above is respectfully requested.

ELECTION

The Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement on claims 1-80. The claims have been restricted as follows:

Group I includes claims 1-51, 76, and 77.

Group II includes claims 52-69, 79 and 80.

Group III includes claims 70-75, and 78.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, without traverse.

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This election is being made by counsel under 37 C.F.R. §1.34(a).

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the present application is now in condition for consideration on the merits. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephone conference may be helpful, Applicants' counsel may be contacted at the number below.

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